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> **Issuer Free Writing Prospectus** Filed pursuant to Rule 433 Registration No. 333-138032

## AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY \$1,000,000,000

### 8.150% Fixed Rate 30-Year Global Senior Notes

#### **Terms and Conditions**

Issuer: American Express Company

Expected Ratings (1): A1 / A+ / A+ (Moody | s / S&P / Fitch)

Senior Notes Ranking: Trade Date: March 12, 2008

Settlement Date: March 19, 2008 (T+5 days)

Maturity: March 19, 2038 \$1,000,000,000 Par Amount: UST 5.000% due 5/37 Benchmark Treasury:

Re-offer Spread to Benchmark:  $T_{30} + 380 \text{ bps}$ Re-offer Yield: 8.183% 8.150% Coupon:

Public Offering Price: 99.633% **Underwriting Discount:** 0.875%

Net Proceeds to American Express: \$987,580,000 (before expenses)

The  $19^{\mbox{th}}$  of each September and March, beginning September  $19^{\mbox{th}}$  , 2008 **Interest Payment Dates:** 

Day Count:

Redemption: The notes may not be redeemed prior to maturity unless certain events occur in

taxation

Listing: The notes will not be listed on any exchange

Minimum Denominations/Multiples: Minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess the

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Joint Book Managers: Citigroup Global Markets Inc.

J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated

Greenwich Capital Markets, Inc. Joint Lead Manager: Co-Managers: Banc of America Securities LLC

Barclays Capital Inc.

**BNP PARIBAS** 

Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.

Goldman, Sachs & Co.

Mitsubishi UFJ Securities International plc

Mizuho Securities USA Inc. National Australia Bank Limited BNY Capital Markets, Inc.

Junior Co-Managers: CastleOak Securities, L.P.

The Williams Capital Group, L.P.

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The issuer has filed a registration statement (including a prospectus) with the SEC for the offering to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus in that registration statement and other documents the issuer has filed with the SEC for more complete information about the issuer and this offering. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC Web site at www.sec.gov. Alternatively, the issuer, any underwriter or any dealer participating in the offering will arrange to send you the prospectus if you request it by calling Citigroup Global Markets Inc. toll free at 1-877-858-5407, J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. at 1-212-834-4533 (collect calls accepted), Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated at 1-866-500-5408 or Greenwich Capital Markets, Inc. at 1-866-884-2071.